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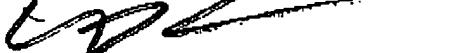
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Attached please find the following for filing in the above-identified application.

(1) Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (15 pgs.).

Respectfully submitted,



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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the application of:

Attorney Docket No.: 3110.03US02

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Confirmation No.: 6813

Application No.: 10/702,096

Examiner: Alvin Stewart

Filed: November 5, 2003

Group Art Unit: 3738

For: SEMI-BIOLOGICAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISC REPLACEMENT SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 30, 2006, the Amendment filed on March 20, 2006 is resubmitted herewith a complete set of the pending claims. Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment of March 20, 2006 as corrected to be compliant based on the following.

Application No. 10/702,096

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

- A. Claims
- B. Remarks

Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

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